

*Executive Proclamation*  
*State of South Dakota*  
*Office of the Governor*

*Whereas*, South Dakota's livelihood is built on a tradition of dedication, hard work and trust; and,

*Whereas*, The South Dakota Housing Development Authority has branded itself as helping to "Build a Better Quality of Life" for the residents of South Dakota and has developed a statewide and national reputation for being a leader in the affordable housing industry; and,

*Whereas*, For 30 years, Dar Baum has been vital to the establishment and success of the South Dakota Housing Development Authority by building, developing and nurturing strong partnerships; and,

*Whereas*, During Dar's tenure in leading the Authority, nearly 24,000 families achieved their dream of homeownership through the First-time Homebuyer Program, nearly 3,300 units of affordable rental housing were created to offer residents an affordable, decent, safe and sanitary place to live; the foundation was created to provide services and housing for the homeless and at-risk populations statewide; more than 1,400 modest, newly-constructed, single-family homes were built for those whom homeownership was out of reach, while providing job training to hundreds of prison inmates; and 5,700 lower income elderly households and families were assisted in paying their monthly rent; and,

*Whereas*, The list of accomplishments under Dar's leadership does not begin to encompass all the achievements she has realized either individually or in collaboration with others, nor does it reflect the significant impact her leadership has had on the thousands of South Dakotans who have benefited from her vision; and,

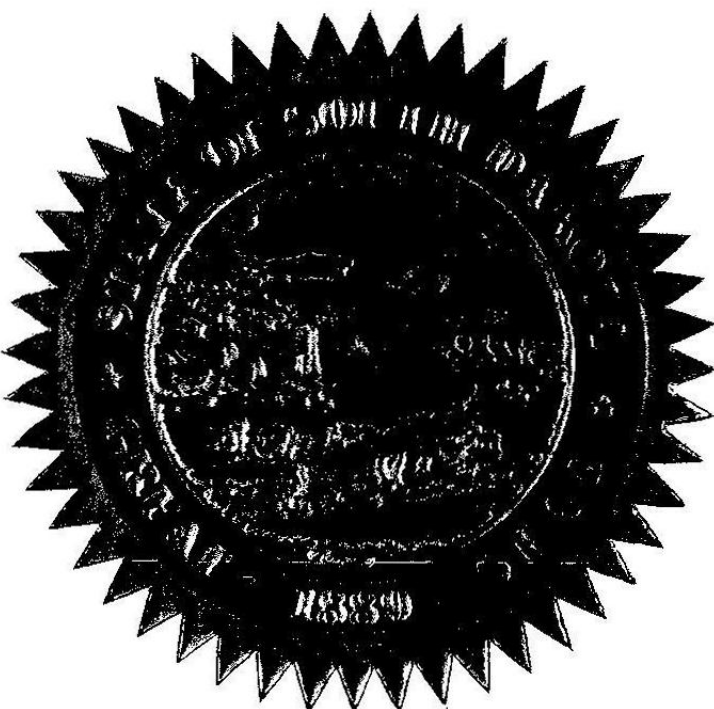
*Whereas*, Dar has always led with integrity, innovation and grace and she will be missed by everyone who has had the opportunity to know her true spirit; and,

*Whereas*, It is fitting and proper as Governor to make special note of this outstanding South Dakotan on the occasion of her retirement:

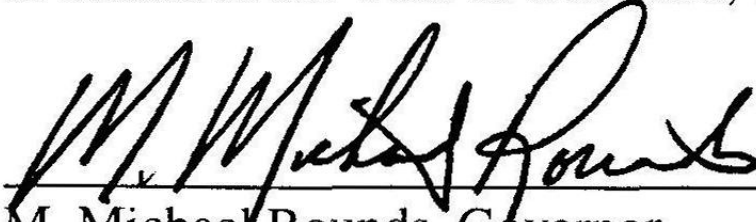
*Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds*, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 31, 2006, as

*DARLYS J. BAUM DAY*

in South Dakota, and I join her colleagues, friends and family as they recognize Dar for her commitment to a successful career and extend best wishes for a healthy and happy retirement.



*In Witness Whereof*, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-seventh Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Six.

  
M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

  
Chris Nelson, Secretary of State